

Questions for Applicant

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Fayette County.

Alice B. Drake

of said State and County, desiring to avail herself of the pension allowed to Indigent Widows of Soldiers, General Assembly, approved March 11, 1912, hereby submits her proofs, and after being duly sworn true answers to the following questions, deposes and answers as follows:

1. What is your full name and where do you reside? (Give State, County and Postoffice.) Alice B. Drake
318 Hickory St Lexington Ky Fayette County
2. How long and since when have you been a resident of this State? All my life since 1850
3. When and where were you born and what was your maiden name? Born in Lexington Ky
May 13 1850
4. When and where was your husband born—state his full name, and where were you and he married, and who performed the marriage ceremony. (If possible, attach certified copy marriage license in every case.) My husband was born in Lexington Ky Oct 5 1842 his full name Ben S. Drake, married in Lexington Ky Feb 15 1874
5. When and where and in what Company and Regiment did your husband enlist or serve during the war between the States? He enlisted in Gen John Morgan's Original Company, Co L 2nd Ky Cav
6. How long did your husband serve in said Company and Regiment? During the war
7. When and where did your husband's Company and Regiment surrender? Buffington Island Ohio so I am told
8. Was your husband present at the time and place when his Company and Regiment surrendered? No he was in prison
9. If not with his command at surrender, state clearly and specifically where he was, when he left command, for what cause and by what authority? He was not with his Company or Regiment when it surrendered because he was in prison
10. When and where did your husband die? In Lexington Ky at St Joseph Hospital
11. At the time of your husband's death, were you living with him as his lawful wife? Yes
12. Have you married since the death of your soldier husband? No
13. What property, real or personal, or income do you have or possess, and its gross value? Nothing at all. Receive assistance from my brother only. If it was not for him I do not know what I would do
14. Have you a family? If so, who compose such family? No family
15. Name some friend, giving his name and postoffice address, who will be willing to have us write to him about your case if necessary. Mr Charles Kaste 801 Whitney Ave Lexington Ky

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this, the

2 day of May 1912

A. J. Fair Notary Public
of Fayette County.

Alice B. Drake

Questions for Witnesses

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Fayette County.
R. C. Mays and A. B. Lancaster, of said State and County, having been presented as a witness in support of the application of Mrs. Alice B. Drake for a pension under Confederate Pension Law, approved March 11, 1912, after being duly sworn, true answers to make to the following questions, deposes and answers as follows:

1. What is your name and what is your postoffice address? R. C. Mays A. B. Lancaster
Lexington Ky Lexington Ky
2. Are you acquainted with the applicant, Mrs. Alice B. Drake? A. B. Lancaster
If so, how long have you known her? Since 1865 Lexington Ky yes
3. Where does she reside, and how long and since when has she been a resident of this State? Lexington Ky
since 1850
4. Were you ever acquainted with her husband? Intimately
5. Were either or both of you present at the marriage? I was not (R. C. Mays)
No A. B. Lancaster
6. How long did you know him? at least forty years and 50 years respectively
7. When and where did Ben J. Drake enlist in the war between the States, and in what Company and Regiment did he enlist, and how do you know this? Mays first Company
as I was associated with him during the war & in Prison
8. Were you a member of the same Company and Regiment at the close of the war? yes as he was a
member of my Regt. 14th Ky Cavalry & a team soldier near his
9. How long did he perform regular military duty? during the war A. B. Lancaster Sam Regt
10. When and where was his Company and Regiment surrendered? Buffington Island Ohio
11. Were you with the command when it surrendered? yes (Lancaster was not)
12. Was Ben J. Drake the husband of applicant, present?
yes
13. If not present, where was he? I think at Maysburg Prison
14. When and where did he leave his command? when captured
For what cause? captured
By whose authority did he leave? captured
How do you know all this? (State fully and clearly.) By being frequently thrown with him
on field & camp
15. When and where did Ben J. Drake die?
Lexington Ky Nov 27 1905
16. Where did he reside at his death, and how long had he been a resident of Kentucky at his death? did so
Lexington Ky & had always been a resident of Lexington Ky
17. Do you know of your own knowledge that applicant is the lawful widow of Ben J. Drake?
I do

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18. Has she remained unmarried since her soldier husband's death, and is she now his widow? *Yes*

19. What property, effects or income has the applicant, if any, and how do you know this of your own knowledge?
absolutely dependent & know so from acquaintance with Mrs Drake & her family

Has applicant conveyed any property, in the last two years or given any away, if so, what was it, and to whom?

Never had any to dispose of

NOTE.—Let the witness who can answer the greatest number of the questions do so; then let the other witness state in the space below how much of the testimony of the first witness he concurs in, and whether or not he can answer any of the questions not answered by the first witness.

A B Lancaster can answer all questions that first witness. Except he knew soldier 50 years, and was not in same co but saw him

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *2nd*

day of *May* 191*2*

A J Fair

Notary Public, Fayette Co., Ky.
My Commission Expires Mar. 4th, 1914

R C Morgan

A B Lancaster

Witnesses.

THE FOLLOWING CERTIFICATE OF THE COUNTY JUDGE MUST BE FILLED OUT WHETHER THE APPLICANT OWNS ANY TAXABLE PROPERTY OR NOT.

I, *Percy Seath* Judge of *Fayette* County, Kentucky,

hereby certify that the property assessed on the tax books of this County to Mrs. *Alice B Drake*

the widow of *Percy S Drake* amounts to \$ *nothing* real estate and

\$ *nothing* personal *Percy Seath* Trustee.

No Assessment For *JCC* County, Ky.

Att J. C. Bradley Assessor
By E. C. H. J. A.

Certificate of Clerk of Court or Notary Public

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

Fayette County.

I, *A J Fair* Clerk or Notary Public, in and for said county, hereby

certify that the applicant, Mrs. *Alice B Drake* resides in said county, and has been

a bona fide resident of this State since the *15th* day of *May*, and that the wit-

nesses, Mr. *R C Morgan Ed A B Lancaster*

are of trustworthy characters and that their statements are entitled to full faith and credit.

I do further certify that before answering the foregoing questions, the applicant and said witness took the oath herein prescribed, and the full text of the affidavits was read to the applicant and witnesses before the same was signed and subscribed.

Witness my hand and official seal this *2nd* day of *May* 191*2*

(SEAL)

Notary Public, Fayette Co., Ky.
My Commission Expires Mar. 4th, 1914

A J Fair
Notary Public Fayette County.

- Note—1. Before any questions are answered, the Clerk or Notary shall swear applicant and the witnesses in the following words: "You do solemnly swear that you will true answers make to each of the questions asked of you, and the evidence you shall give will be the whole truth; so help you God."
- 2. Additional affidavits may be attached, if blank spaces are insufficient.
- 3. All affidavits must be made before an officer using a seal.
- 4. Only widows who were the wives of soldiers need apply—and are now widows. Those married since Jan. 1st, 1890, not entitled.
- 5. Two witnesses are necessary to make out claims.
- 6. Attach certified copy marriage license in every case, or certificate of County Court Clerk, under seal, that license is filed in his office duly certified by officiating minister, or the affidavit of the officiating minister, or the affidavit of a witness of the ceremony, or the affidavit of two witnesses who knew them as man and wife, prior to January 1, 1890, and knew that they were living together on the date of his death.

NOTICE TO APPLICANTS.

The Widows' Pension Law, passed by the Kentucky Legislature, provides for the widows of *soldiers only*, and they must have been residents of the State of Kentucky since January 1, 1907.

Widow must have married prior to 1890.

To be eligible the applicant must have remained a widow after the death of her soldier husband, and must be indigent. Read the questions in the application carefully and answer them fully.

Read the law, and unless you come clearly under the laws it will be useless to file application.

D. H. Cole

No. **367**.....

**Widow's
Indigent Pension**

Name *Alice Drake*.....

JUN 19 1912

Filed *May 3 1912*.....

Widow of *Ben Drake*.....

*Approved
W. J. Stone
Examiner*

All blanks on this filing to be filled by the Pension Board

Address: "The Adjutant General,
War Department, Washington, D. C."

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WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, June 24, 1912.

Respectfully returned to the

Examiner,
Confederate Pension Department,
Frankfort, Kentucky.

The Confederate records show that Benj. S. Drake, private, Company A, 2d (Duke's) Regiment Kentucky Cavalry, Confederate States Army, enlisted October 27, 1861. He was promoted to 1st lieutenant and assigned to Company M, which subsequently became (New) Company L, 2d (Duke's) Regiment, Kentucky Cavalry, Confederate States Army.

The prisoner-of-war records show him as Benj. S. Drake, captured at Buffington Island July 19, 1863, subscribed to oath and released at Fort Delaware, Delaware, June 4, 1865.

Henry P. McLean
Adjutant General.

Indorsement.

STATE OF KENTUCKY
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

FRANKFORT, KY..

MRS. ALICE B. DRAKE.

Widow of Benjiman Drake,
enlisted Oct. 7, 1861, Co. A-
2nd Kentucky Cav.; captured
July 19, 1863 and released at
Ft. Delaware June 4, 1865.

Proven by the record.

Indigent.

W J S

I recommend that this
claim be allowed.

J. Handy Ellis
Adjutant General.

Approved by State Pension Board

James B. McKinstry
Chairman

(A. G. O. 35.)

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HEADQUARTERS

Confederate Pension Department

W. J. STONE, EXAMINER

FRANKFORT, KY.

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GEN. W. P. HALL,
Adjutant General, U. S. A.,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Mrs. *Alice B. Drake*

who is an applicant for pension under the Kentucky Widows' Pension Law,
claims that her husband *Ben S. Drake*
was a member of Company *K.* Regiment *2nd Reg Cav C. S. A.*,
and was

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Please give me the record of this soldier.

Respectfully,

W J Stone
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Examiner.

ALICE B. DRAKE CASE.

Sworn in open Court and examined by D. Gray Falconer, County Attorney.

Substance of testimony.

My name is Alice B. Drake. I live at 318 Hickory Street in Lexington, Kentucky; have been living here all of my life,-- sixty-two years. I do not own any property of any kind and do not draw any pension. I have no means of support whatever. My brother has taken care of me since my husband's death. My husband has been dead seven years in November. I have no contract with anybody to provide for my support. I tried to earn a support for myself, but could not. In seven years I think I have earned about \$15.00.

Next witness - Ruth Reed.

I live at 312 Hickory Street, in Lexington, Kentucky. I know Mrs. Alice B. Drake. She lives the second house above me at 318 Hickory Street in this City. I have known her about four years. She has been living here ever since I have known her. She has no property of any kind and no means of support whatever, except her brother's aid.

Next witness - Charles Kastle.

I live at 801 Whitney Avenue, Lexington, Kentucky. I have known Mrs. Alice B. Drake for about forty or fifty years. She has been living in the State of Kentucky ever since I have known her. She has no means of support that I know of and I don't think she has any property of any kind. I don't think she is able to earn a support in any way.

Judge J. Percy Scott states that he knows the applicant, Mrs. Alice B. Drake; knew her husband all, during his life, and he recommends this applicant as being deserving.

J. Percy Scott
County Judge

Dr. J. M. Mays
Attached & Signed